

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on May 10, 2012, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Paula Johnson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:  
District IV representative Paula Johnson- Board Chair  
District III representative Leisa Askew - Vice-Chair  
District VI representative Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary  
District I representative Sharon Argiro  
District II representative Jenny Story  
District V representative Esophia Clayborn  
District VII representative James Ware

Ellen Leonard, Attorney for the Board, arrived at 9:54 a.m. and was present until 12:15 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A copy of the minutes from the March 16, 2012 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. James Ware made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Board Business:**

- a. Rebecca Goodson updated the Board on the status of complaints. One (1) complaint was closed. Three (3) are waiting on additional documents and four (4) are pending review.
- b. Mandy Andrews provided an update on discussing the proposed LCSW diagnosis legislation with the Higher Education Consortium on Child Welfare. Members of the Consortium voted unanimously to support the legislation.

### **New Board Business:**

- a. Rebecca Goodson reported she was invited to speak at the NASW-Birmingham Chapter meeting. Rebecca Goodson, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, and Paula Johnson updated the Board on their attendance at ASWB Spring Meeting held in Kentucky.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees.
- c. Rebecca Williams addressed the Board to appeal the Board's decision to deny her CE waiver request. Sharon Argiro made a motion that the Board reconsider denial of CE for the INR seminar "Conquering Pain" conducted on October 27, 2011. The motion died for lack of a second. Sharon Argiro made a motion that the Board recognize NASW's approval of the INR seminar "Conquering Pain" held on October 27, 2011. The motion died for lack of a second. Ms. Williams was offered the opportunity to go to "Inactive Status" effective December 31, 2011.

### **PIP Applications:**

- a. Emily B. Bashinsky -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None
- b. Janet L. Ellis -  
Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None
- c. Gina M. Koger -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration  
Denied: Social Casework, Research, and Community Organization
- d. Toni S. Uffinger -  
Approved: Social Casework and Social Work Administration  
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- e. Stephanie Weathers -  
Approved: Social Casework  
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- f. Danette G. Wood -  
Approved: None  
Denied: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Community Organization, and Social Work Administration
- g. Kerrick M. Malone -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None
- h. Evelyn L. Taylor -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None

**PIP Reconsiderations:**

- a. Carolyn Dobson -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None
- b. Michelle Piper -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None

**Other Requests:**

- a. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed legislation that would allow reciprocity and temporary licensure for active duty military spouses living in Alabama.
- b. The Board reviewed and discussed concerns, presented by Carol L. Hall, regarding limiting approval of INR's continuing education. The Board will gather more information regarding INR's requests. This was tabled until next meeting.
- c. The Board reviewed, discussed and approved INR's request for CE for "Sleep Deprivation, Autism, and ADHD".
- d. The Board reviewed and discussed a request to Allow Clatoria Denae Hawthorne to sit for the licensure exam. Esophia Clayborn made a motion to allow Ms. Hawthorne to sit for the exam. Sharon Argiro seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Esophia Clayborn, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, Leisa Askew, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. Paula Johnson was not present for this vote.
- e. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Angela Nardecchia to approve renewal of her license, in Inactive Status, 20 days past her license expired. Leisa Askew made a motion to table this issue until additional information could be obtained. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Later in the meeting, the requested information was provided. Sharon Argiro made a motion to allow Ms. Nardecchia's license to go to Inactive Status. The motion died for lack of a second. After additional discussion, Paula Johnson made a motion to allow Ms. Nardecchia's license to go to Inactive Status. Sharon Argiro seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Esophia Clayborn, Jenny Story, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, and Sharon Argiro. Opposing the motion: Mandy Andrews. Abstaining from the vote: James Ware.
- f. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Rachel Roberts regarding a potential ethical violation. Ms. Roberts will be advised, via letter, to go through the complaint process if she has concerns.
- g. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Alisha Ruffin for a Continuing Education waiver. Leisa Askew made a motion to grant a one-time CE waiver for Ms. Ruffin. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, James Ware, Jenny Story,

- Esophia Clayborn, Sharon Argiro, and Paula Johnson. Abstaining from the vote: Mandy Andrews.
- h. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Rex Sanderson. At 12:32 p.m. Mandy Andrews moved to enter Executive Session for ten (10) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. At 12:35 p.m., Paula Johnson made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Jenny Story seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. Paula Johnson made a motion to allow Mr. Sanderson to sit for the licensure exam. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Paula Johnson, Mandy Andrews, Esophia Clayborn, Leisa Askew, Jenny Story, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: none. Abstaining from the vote: Sharon Argiro.
  - i. The Board readdressed Sharhonda G. Shropshire's request for CE waiver. Previously, Ms. Shropshire was asked to present additional documentation. However, it was unclear whether she received the letter due to confusion over her mailing address. The letter requesting additional information will be re-sent via certified mail. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.
  - j. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request from Kathy McMaken to attain all CE via on-line courses.
  - k. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Florence Doughty for a CE waiver. Paula Johnson made a motion to give Ms. Doughty through her grace period to obtain documentation of CE and submit it to the Board. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - l. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request from Albert Cranwell to establish an account with the board to pay for licensees employed with Vocational Rehab Services.

At 10:44 a.m., the Board took a fifteen (15) minute break. The meeting reconvened for a scheduled 11:00 a.m. hearing.

At 12:04 p.m., Paula Johnson and Ellen Leonard stepped out of the meeting to discuss a complaint issue. Paula Johnson returned to the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Ms. Leonard did not return to the meeting.

Leisa Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2012 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room.

Board Chair

Paula Johnson

Board Secretary

Mandy Andrews